HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 593 By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Matthew Joseph Elia, 2005 Salutatorian of Bartlett High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Elia is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2005 graduating class at Bartlett High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Matthew Elia has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Elia has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, as result of his exceptional success in the classroom, Matthew Elia has gained entrance to the Beta Club, Junior Honor Club, National Honor Society, and the Spanish Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elia has served as a valuable member of numerous extracurricular clubs and organizations, including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Art Club, Bridge Builders, Mu Alpha Theta, and the Spanish Club; and

WHEREAS, highly respected as a leader among his peers, Matthew Elia has twice been elected Class President in the eleventh and twelfth grades and has served as Co-Chairman of Bartlett Ambassadors, Student Ambassador to South Africa through the Memphis in May Exchange Program, a peer mediator, and as the FCA official speaker; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elia's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Elia's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Rosalie Elia and Joseph Elia, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Elia's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2005 Bartlett High School Salutatorian, Matthew Joseph Elia, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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